

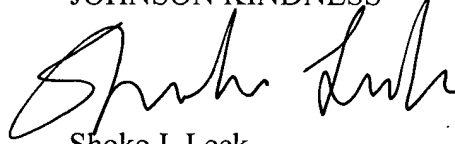
REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed October 12, 2005, the Examiner allowed Claims 1-8 and 21-27, while rejecting Claims 28-31 and 33-34, and further indicating that Claim 32 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, applicant has amended Claim 32 by including all of the limitations of its base claim (Claim 28). Claim 28 has been canceled, and Claims 29-31 and 33-34, which previously depended from Claim 28, have been amended to now depend from amended Claim 32. Therefore, amended Claim 32, and Claims 29-31 and 33-34, which now depend from amended Claim 32, are all believed to be allowable. Further, Claims 8, 27, and 34 have been amended to more specifically recite the subject matter that applicant considers as his invention.

Based on the foregoing, an early action allowing the present application, including Claims 1-8, 21-27, and 29-34, as amended, is respectfully solicited. If the Examiner should have further issues to resolve, he is invited to telephone applicant's undersigned attorney at the number set forth below.

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